

# TUCSON

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CITY OF TUCSON OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# MAYOR ROTHSCHILD



Tucson blends natural beauty with a culture of innovation to create a distinctive lifestyle that attracts a diversity of people and commerce.

Companies in Tucson have access to a well-qualified workforce. Our city is home to top-tier research institution, the University of Arizona, and to tech industry clusters in aerospace, biotech, defense, IT, logistics, optics and solar. The city's high quality of life – including a vibrant downtown and year-round outdoor recreation in spectacular scenery – makes Tucson an attractive location for employees.

Our large bilingual population gives Tucson businesses an advantage when doing business in Mexico and throughout the Americas. At just 60 miles from the border, Tucson is the closest major U.S. city to Mexico's expanding deep-water port at Guaymas, Sonora.

Located entirely within a federally-designated Foreign Trade Zone, Tucson is a major hub for international trade.

Tucson's future is bright. Come build it with us.



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# QUALITY of LIFE

A close-up photograph of agave leaves, showing their thick, fleshy texture and sharp, serrated edges. The leaves are arranged in a radial pattern, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is soft, highlighting the natural green and greyish tones of the plant.

Tucson is one of the oldest continuously occupied places in America – and for good reason. Tucson offers so much more than 350 days of sunshine. It has grown over the centuries from a Native American farming community to a Southwestern metropolis of a million people.

Surrounded by four majestic mountain ranges, Tucson offers residents and tourists year-round hiking, biking, camping, golf, tennis and other outdoor activities. Over 620 miles of streets with bicycle lanes combine with the 55-mile dedicated Pima County Urban Loop, a paved, shared-use path, to form the most comprehensive network for active cyclists in the nation. It's also popular with runners and walkers. The Atlantic Magazine recognized Tucson as a top-rated city in the country for bicycle-friendly neighborhoods, and Outdoor Magazine ranked Tucson the Number One Bike Town in America.





Tucson is a rich and diverse city to live and visit with incredible attractions for the whole family, 350 days of sunshine for outdoor adventures and golf, an extensive arts and culture background, world-class accommodations and spas, and a burgeoning culinary and nightlife scene.



# QUALITY of LIFE

Tucson's vibrant downtown core is the place to experience the boundless cultural and outdoor festivals of the city. The Modern Streetcar will link the downtown and the University of Arizona invigorating the area with activity day and night. Tucson boasts a vibrant arts community with numerous museums, including the Arizona State Museum, the Tucson Museum of Art, and the Center for Creative Photography. The Downtown Arts District is crowded with theaters, restaurants and performance spaces. The community supports a ballet, two symphonies, an opera company, and a jam-packed calendar of live music and performing arts choices.







The City's new Sun Link Modern Streetcar line will run from the west side of downtown through the heart of the City, along the popular Fourth Avenue shopping district, through the University of Arizona Main Campus, to the University Medical Center. Streetcar development has already brought over \$200 million in private investment to downtown Tucson.



# POPULATION & WORKFORCE

The metropolitan Tucson area has nearly one million residents and is the 33rd largest city in the US. It is a vibrant city with a diverse population and a rich history. Arizona's population is the seventh youngest in the nation.

The Tucson region civilian labor force is approximately 475,000 strong. More than 1,200 high-tech businesses employ over 50,000 people, and growth in the high-tech and "clean" manufacturing sectors continues. This positive trend helps keep Tucson's existing workforce stable while attracting new, young, educated workers. The Tucson workforce is supported by a strong and diverse higher and continuing education system that matches skills to employer needs.

Median age in the City of Tucson

32.5









# EDUCATION

The University of Arizona is the state's premier research university, ranked among the top 20 of public research universities nationwide. With a global reputation for innovative research, University of Arizona faculty – including five Nobel Prize winners – are helping create the next generation of knowledge workers.

The University of Arizona is ranked #3 in the nation by the National Science Foundation for physical sciences research, boasts a #1 ranked Geology Department, and is a top producer of Fulbright Scholars. The University of Arizona has also received more NASA grants for space exploration research than any other university.

Other Top 20 programs at the University of Arizona include:

Management Information Systems  
Systems and Industrial Engineering  
Applied Math  
Philosophy  
Photography  
Pharmacy

Entrepreneurship  
Analytical Chemistry  
Agriculture and Biosystems  
Architecture and Landscape  
Architecture  
Optical Sciences

*University of Arizona, Old Main*





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# EDUCATION

Pima Community College, with six campuses, four education centers, and several adult learning centers is one of the largest multi-campus community colleges in the U.S. It provides traditional and online instruction for over 144 programs, as well as workforce training, personal interest classes, and post-baccalaureate certificates.

Tucson is proud of the achievements of its primary and secondary schools which offer a wide variety of educational choices to area students.

- **Two of the best high schools in the nation: Basis and University High School**
- **229 public schools in 17 districts in Pima County** (many with open enrollment options)
- **84 charter schools**





*Basis High School*





UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

# RESEARCH PARKS

The University of Arizona Science and Technology Park is one of the nation's premier research and development facilities. It offers a unique environment dedicated to the transfer of technology from the laboratory to the marketplace.

The University of Arizona Tech Park has almost 2 million square feet of space and features high tech office, R&D and laboratory facilities on 345 acres. It is home to six Fortune 500 companies: Citigroup, CH2MHill, IBM, Oracle, Optum RX (United Healthcare Group), and Raytheon, as well as several emerging technology companies including NP Photonics, and DILAS Diode Laser. The UA Tech Park is also home to the Arizona Center for Innovation, a technology business incubator, and three educational institutions - UA South, Pima Community College, and Vail Academy and High School.





The 65-acre Arizona Bioscience Park currently under construction in central Tucson is located two miles south of the University of Arizona Main Campus and within five miles of 40 biotech companies and organizations, including three major research hospitals: University of Arizona Medical Center, University of Arizona Medical Center South Campus and Southern Arizona VA Health Care System. Designed as an urban park, the Arizona Bioscience Park will accommodate up to three million square feet of development, ranging from single story to six story buildings. The Bio Park incorporates the best practices for sustainable development, including 15 acres of designated open space and significant linkages for community engagement.



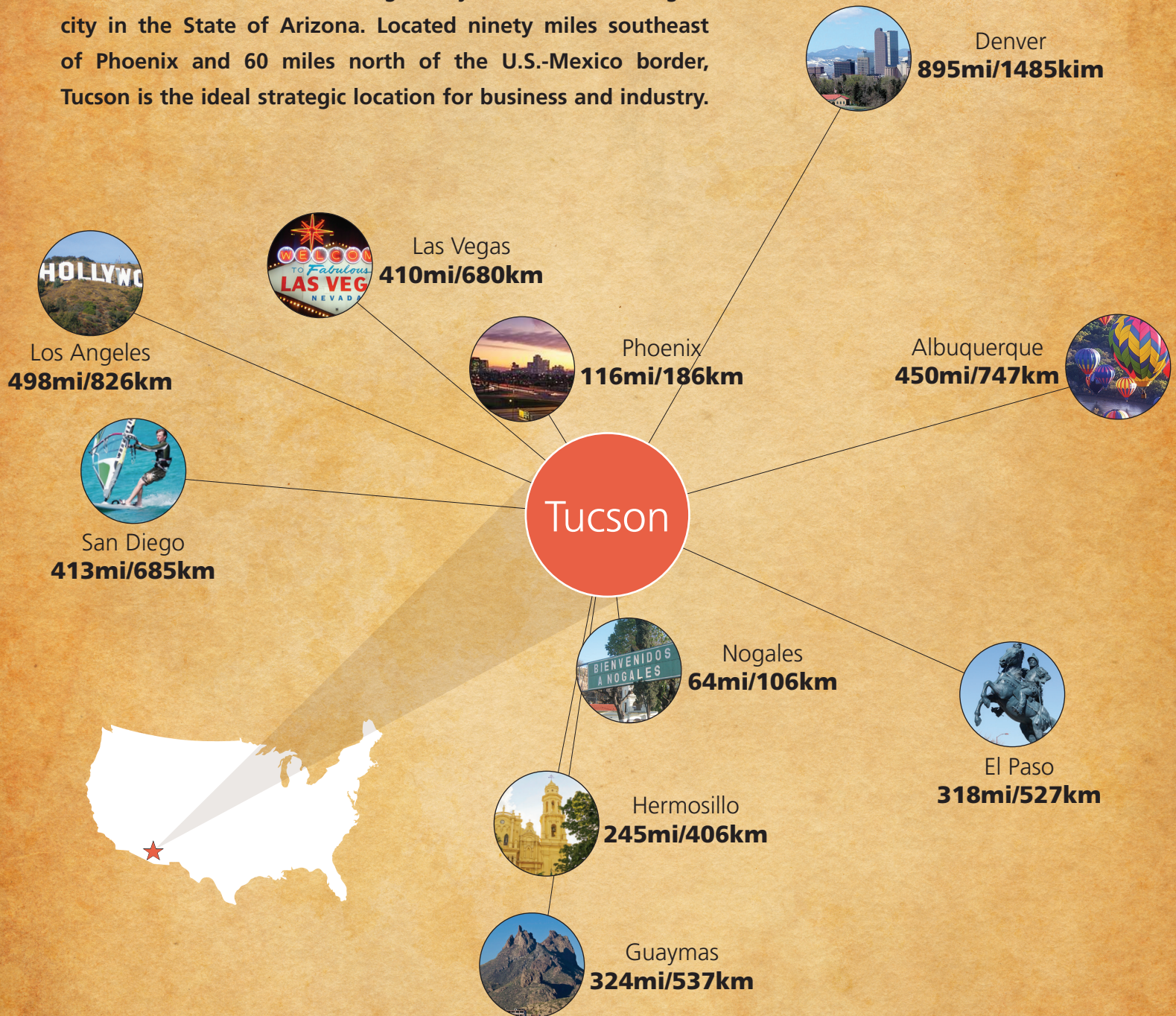


# LOCATION





Tucson is southern Arizona's largest city and the second largest city in the State of Arizona. Located ninety miles southeast of Phoenix and 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, Tucson is the ideal strategic location for business and industry.





# TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Tucson is a vital transportation and distribution hub that connects people and products in today's competitive global marketplace. Its unique location near Mexico and their deep-water ports, as well as its substantial transportation infrastructure, means excellent access for trade.

Tucson sits at the crossroads of Interstate 19 and Interstate 10. I-10 is one of only three coast-to-coast highways in the country, and I-19 connects directly with Mexico's Federal Highway 15 through Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

Tucson has long recognized the importance of air access, having established the first municipal airport in the United States. Today, Tucson International Airport (TIA) continues to meet the aviation demands of both business travelers and freight, and it is a cornerstone of the region's tourism and economic development. TIA's world-class facilities have a \$3.2 billion economic impact and support approximately 35,000 jobs. With over 3000 acres of developable land and only six miles south of downtown Tucson, TIA plays a leading role in Tucson's aerospace, industrial, logistics, transportation, and technology sectors. TIA's near-term plans focus on efficiency and sustainability, including development of an additional air-carrier runway and enhanced connectivity of multi-modal transit and freight facilities.

The Union Pacific's main line runs east to west through Tucson, giving the City an advantage in transportation and logistics. The Port of Tucson, a multifaceted rail facility, provides a wide variety of rail oriented transportation options including intermodal container handling, boxcar access, and team track.







# GROWTH INDUSTRIES

## AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

The aerospace and defense sector is a major contributor to the region's economy. Tucson is ranked as one of the top 5 areas in the U.S. for these industries. The aerospace industry includes defense and space-related manufacturing, research and development, industrial technology, assembly, distribution, and warehousing. It also includes firms that maintain and rehabilitate the nation's commercial aircraft fleet. The neighboring State of Sonora is quickly becoming one of Mexico's biggest and most important aerospace clusters as well, making Tucson the closest major U.S. city to companies manufacturing there.



## Southern Arizona Aerospace and Defense Employers:



A military installation since 1925, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is Tucson's third largest employer, with 6,900 military and 1,600 civilian employees serving at the base. The economic impact of DM is estimated at over \$1.6 billion annually.



# INNOVATION

The Tucson region is fast becoming one of the nation's most innovative business centers. Life sciences programs at the University of Arizona are international leaders in scientific research and education. With access to cutting edge research facilities and staff, collaboration between higher education and biotechnology businesses attracts companies from start-ups to multinationals, including most recently, Ventana Medical Systems (a division of Roche group), Sanofi US, and the Critical Path Institute.

## OPTICS

Tucson's optics industry is world-renowned and composed of companies ranging from large aerospace corporations to research facilities and entrepreneurial start-ups. Much of Tucson's optics industry growth stems from the city's status as a center of world-class astronomy and The University of Arizona's pre-eminence in the field of optical sciences. The Optical Sciences Center (OSC) is at the heart of optics-based research and instruction on the University of Arizona campus. OSC is considered a national asset for technical leadership in developing new technologies and application for optics in the fields of data storage, medicine, manufacturing, telecommunications, and military guidance systems.





## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Recognized globally as a location of choice for solar energy activities, Tucson's emerging solar industry promises a bright future. The region has valuable resources for technology development, manufacturing and solar power generation. While Tucson is already well known for its abundant sunshine, the region is also becoming known for its abundant human capital, state of the art research and development, ample supply chain opportunities and competitive operating costs.

# GROWTH INDUSTRIES



# LEADING TUCSON EMPLOYERS & FIRMS



**Raytheon**



Arizona Community Physicians, P.C.



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Aviation Services  
Tucson International Airport



Tucson  
Medical  
Center



**ASARCO**  
GRUPO MEXICO



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**Honeywell**



**ManTech**  
International Corporation®



**CANYON RANCH**  
*The Power of Possibility®*

**GENERAL DYNAMICS**  
Information Technology



**TUCSON**  
**ORTHOPAEDIC**  
INSTITUTE



**BOMBARDIER**



**SAIC**



# CITY OF TUCSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

- ✦ **Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET):** eight (8) years property tax abatement for qualifying projects in the Central Business District
- ✦ **Primary Jobs:** 100% credit of construction sales tax to qualifying expenses, 100% waiver of building permit fees to eligible projects
- ✦ **Site Specific Sales Tax Incentive:** Project-generated tax revenues applied to job training or public infrastructure improvements
- ✦ **Revolving loan program** from Housing and Urban Development
- ✦ **Tucson Industrial Development Authority Bonds and Loans**
- ✦ **Permit fees waived** in the Downtown Financial Incentive District
- ✦ **Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant**
- ✦ **Regulatory relief** when building within the Infill Incentive Districts







# ANNUAL EVENTS

All Souls Procession

Arizona International Film Festival

Cyclovia

El Día de San Juan Fiesta

El Tour de Tucson Bicycle Race

Festival of Books

Fourth Avenue Street Fair

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

International Mariachi Conference

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Tucson  
Rodeo & Parade

Tucson Blues and Bluegrass Festivals

Tucson Meet Yourself

University of Arizona Division I Sports

Wa:k Powwow





# TUCSON ACCLAIMS

**#1 Bike Town in the U.S.**

**#2 Entrepreneurial Hot Spot**

**#5 Best Place for Outdoor Activities**

**#7 Community in the Nation for  
Energy Star Homes**

**#9 Cities Best Suited for  
Fitness and Walking**

**#10 Healthy Lifestyle**

**Top 10 Places to Retire**

**University of Arizona:  
# 1 ranked Geology Department**

**# 3 in the nation for  
physical sciences research**

**Top producer of Fulbright Scholars**

**University of Arizona Medical Center  
Ranked "Best Hospital"**





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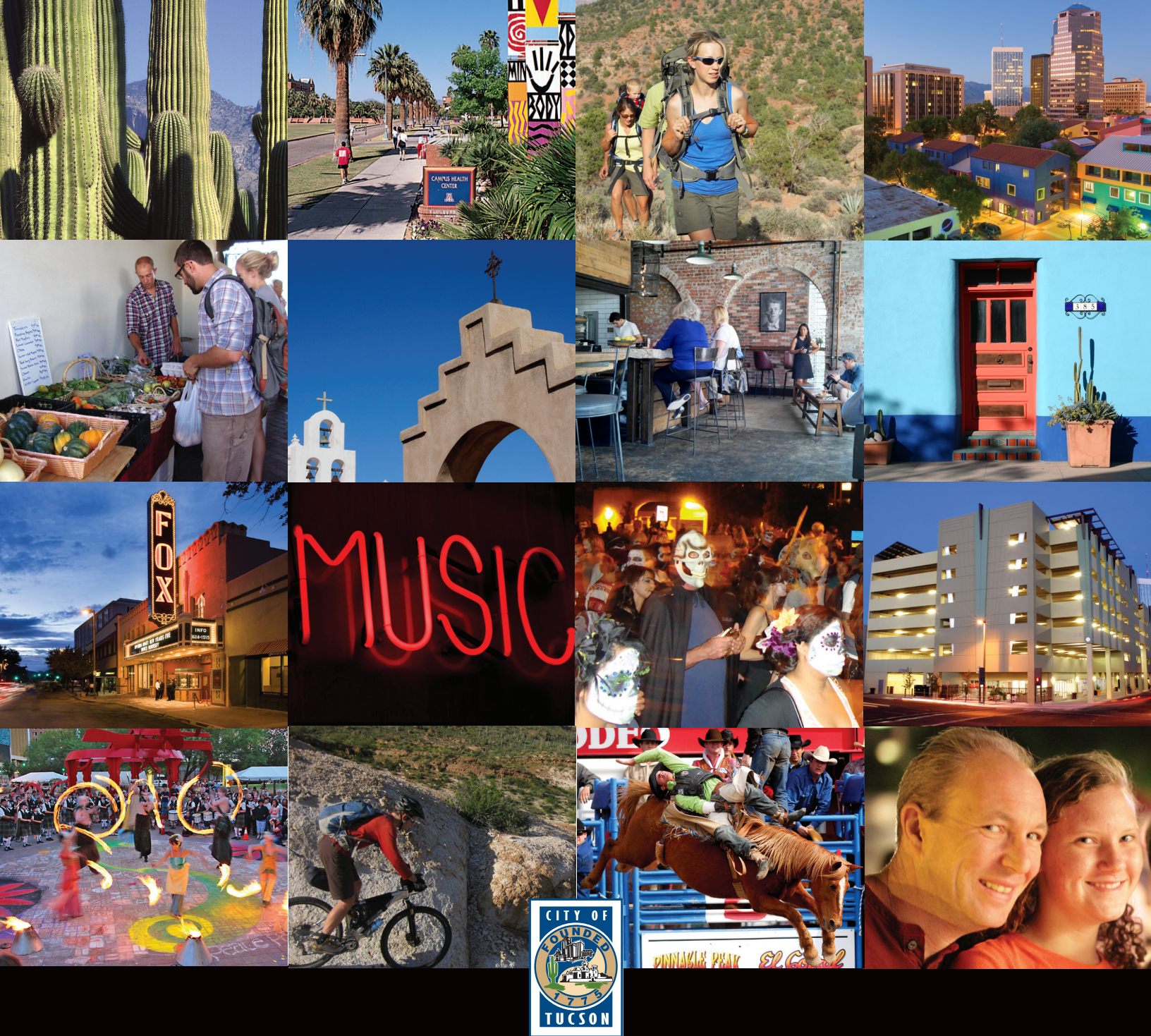




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